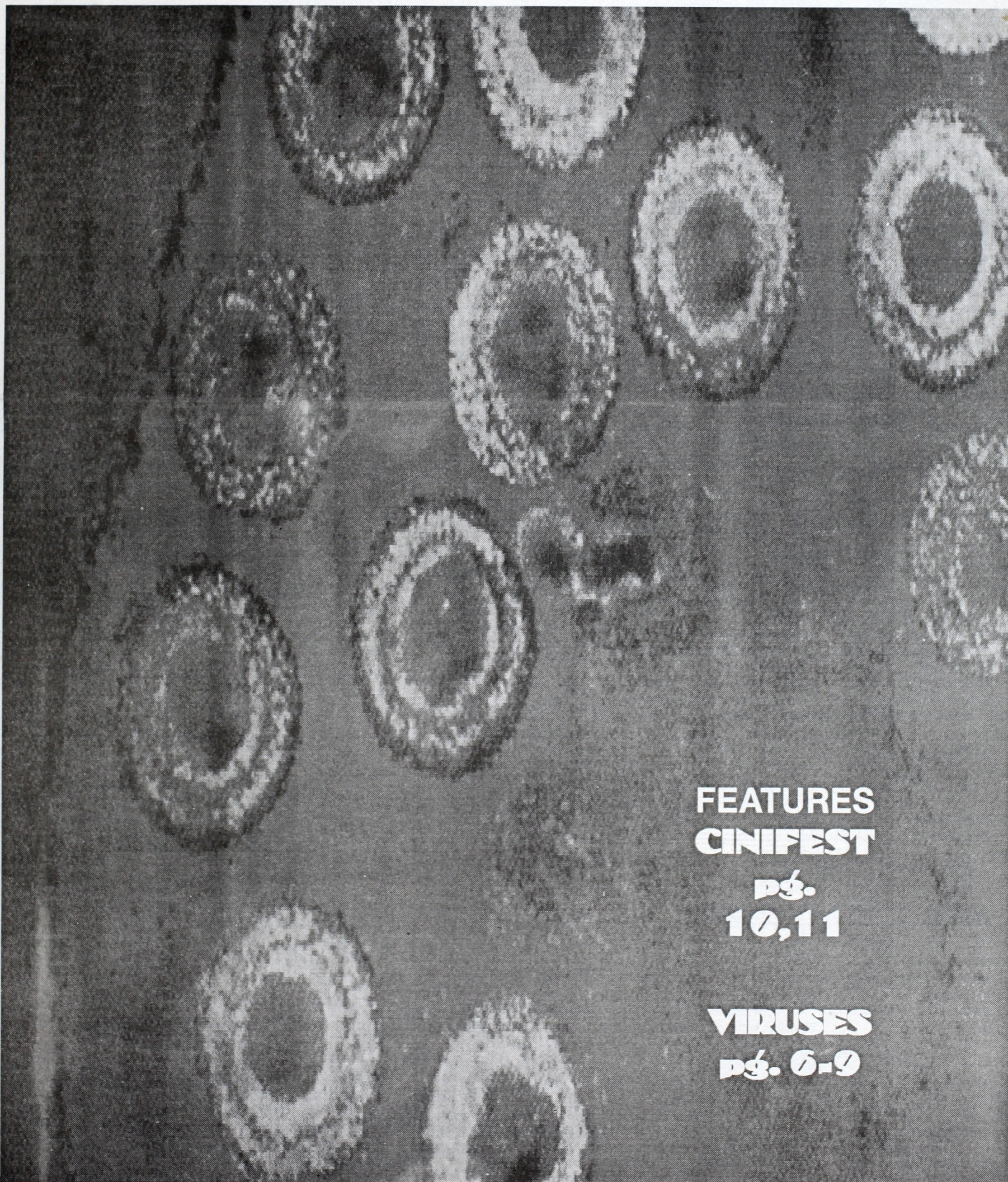


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Laurentian Launches Phase II of Capital Campaign

by Norman Shields
News Editor

Laurentian University's Capital Campaign supporters and organizers celebrated their achievements in Phase I of their fund-raising drive, and launched Phase II of the campaign at the downtown branch of the Bank of Montreal last Thursday. Called "Coming of Age: Building Laurentian's Future", the campaign generated \$11 million dollars this spring, and is aiming for another \$5 million, from the local business community, this autumn.

"Laurentian, of course, is one of the most important seats of higher learning in Northern Ontario - in Canada, for that matter. The university is playing an extremely important role not only, as is obvious, in the teaching and training of students, but in the whole fabric of the Sudbury Region - the economic, social and cultural fabric..."

Mr. Gray is Chairman of Rio-Algom, and the Chairman for the Capital Campaign. He cited LU's "rehabilitation of former uranium mines" at Elliot Lake as an example of the university's relationship with the region. He hoped that this campaign would "strengthen these bonds with the region". The campaign goal is to fund specific proposals from Laurentian University.

In a press release from September 11, Mr. Gray indicated that the focus of Phase II is "building for tomorrow".

"This phase of the Coming of Age campaign is about ensuring that our students, as well as business and research partners, have access to the technological tools, research networks, and learning innovation necessary to be leaders in the knowledge society."

The proposals are ambitious.

LU wants \$2 million to upgrade its computer system and to create "smart" classrooms and an additional \$1 million is being requested for seed funding of an \$8 million "multi-disciplinary centre that will place the Sudbury Region in the forefront of industry-oriented mining research and innovative solutions."

Smaller proposals, in terms of dollar-value, include a Centre for Ecosystem Management, a Laurentian Institute of Forensic Evidence and Research (LIFER), an amphitheatre for Huntington University, an auditorium for Thorne University, a Research Centre for the Humanities and the continuance of the Ethics Project at the University of Sudbury.

The Mining Innovation Centre will address six key areas of mining education and applied research:

mineral exploration, geomechanics and mine design, mine automation and technology, mineral processing, rehabilitation and restoration, and industrial health and safety. The centre requires \$8 million to establish, but is expected to be self-sufficient by 2001.

The Learning Technology Project proposes significant upgrades to LU's computer system, "plug and play"

workstations at up to half of the residence rooms and "five electronic classrooms with a professor-controlled master station, including video projectors and graphical distance communication capability..."

The Centre for Ecosystem Management proposal promises a "modern facility housing controlled-environment growth chambers, aquatic culture tanks, associated ana-

lytical equipment, water purification systems, and other key infrastructure items." The funds obtained from the capital campaign will also create a "human-resource development fund" to appoint a Chair and to attract "the

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next generation of young, highly-motivated research staff", and a "technology-enhancement fund" to keep abreast of developing technology.

LIFER will be "Canada's first interdisciplinary institute of forensic science to advance the forensic profession and to serve as an expert resource for law-enforcement officials, legal experts, students, and researchers."

According to Dr. Scott Fairgrieve, the institute's uniqueness is attributable to its focus on research, education and the provision of consultative services to the community. Dr. Fairgrieve himself has served as a consultant to law enforcement agencies in the region. He believes that LIFER, through workshops, can help the legal community and law enforcement agencies keep abreast of forensic science advancements and innovations.

The Mining Innovation Centre, Centre for Ecosystem Management and LIFER are likely to be situated at the Willet Green Miller Centre. LU and the provincial government have been courting each other regarding the transfer of the building from the province to either the Region or the University. A source close to the transfer proposal remained sceptical as to whether the transfer will proceed, and indicated that Phase II of the capital campaign was not geared towards the acquisition of the Centre. It was conceded, however, that the laboratories at the Centre are appropriate for the Centres and Institute proposed in the Coming of Age campaign.

Thieves hit LU Day Care

The Laurentian University Child and Family Centre is appealing to the LU community for information relating to a break, enter and theft that occurred at the centre Monday, September 8.

A thief, or thieves, gained entry through a window facing the athletic fields sometime between 6:00 pm and 10:30 pm, when the cleaning staff arrived. The perpetrator stole a brand new Pentium 166 computer and the centre's only TV and VCR.

"Who would do such a thing?" asked Joy Rudd, the Administrative Supervisor of the Centre, referring to stealing from children. She said that it was difficult to explain to the children why they could not watch a video on Tuesday.

Ms. Rudd is hoping that someone who went to the Physical Education building that evening saw something suspicious. She has begun a poster campaign at the University appealing for information.

"The smallest bit of information may help security and Sudbury Regional police solve the case". Ms. Rudd also indicated that the serial numbers are recorded, and that the police did uncover fingerprints at the scene.

The computer had been at the centre for less than a week, and was paid for by a fund raising campaign. The TV and VCR are NEC models, and are several years old.

Anyone with information leading to the recovery of the stolen items and/or apprehension of the "culprits" are asked to call LU Security. The poster campaign promises anonymity, and Ms. Rudd has said that a reward will be paid for useful information.

LU News Briefs

Five Honorary Doctorates from LU

LU conferred five honorary doctorates at its spring convocation. LU conferred a Doctorate of Education upon Mr. Guy Lemieux, director of the Le Voyageur and "an active member of Sudbury's Franco-Ontarian community". Mr. William Johnson, renowned Canadian journalist at the Montreal Gazette and author of A Canadian Myth: Quebec, Between Canada and the Illusion of Utopia, was conferred a Doctorate of Letters. A Doctorate of Business was conferred upon Mr. Michael Cowpland, described as "a Canadian and world leader in business and technology". Mr. Cowpland is the founder and CEO of Corel Systems Corporation. Dr. Raymond Davis, a Professor Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania and a researcher at the Brookhaven National Laboratory who developed "the first underground neutrino experiment", was conferred a Doctorate of Science. Ms. Alma Ricard, who was the motivating force behind the current Ethics Project at the University of Sudbury, was conferred a Doctorate of Law. 1,108 LU students received degrees at the spring convocation.

Another LU Professor receives distinction

The Canadian Institute of Mining Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) has selected LU professor Dr. Laxman "Lucky" Amaratunga as the recipient of its 1997 Fellowship. Dr. Amaratunga has been a professor in LU's School of Engineering since 1984, and has helped mining companies develop more efficient practices and reduce waste. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the CIM Mineral Processors and the CIM Metallurgical Society, for which he serves as the Chair of the Environmental Committee. He is also the editor of the Canadian Metallurgical Quarterly Journal.

LU hosts Eastern Caribbean diplomat

Mr. George Bullen, High Commissioner for the Countries of the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States, was in Sudbury this week to meet with city and LU officials. Mr. Bullen was at LU on Tuesday to meet with officials from the School of Commerce, Nursing, and Laurentian International. Mr. Bullen is here to explore ways that LU can help the economically-troubled country of St. Vincent with development projects.

Student Unemployment Reaches 20%

University and College students across Canada have emerged from record levels of summer unemployment, and a new federal initiative will not alleviate the debt-load, according to two press releases issued last week by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

StatsCan figures show that student unemployment reached 19.7% this year, the highest rate in the 1990's, and more than double of 1989's 9.6%. Month for month, summer 1997 students were unemployed more than any other year this decade. The student unemployment rate reached 21.6% in both May and

June, 4.3% above the average for the previous five years for those two months. In July, the rate dropped below 20%, but remained higher than any other July in the 1990's, also true for August's 16%.

The release of the figures coincided with the announcement, by the Federal Liberals, of a new youth job strategy, called the "Federal Public Youth Internship Program". Under the program, the federal government will create 3,000 one-year intern positions in the federal public sector with a wage scale of \$9,880 to \$15,000 per annum.

"The program announced this morning offers poverty level wages...The youth unemployment crisis will not be solved by offering short-term low-paying internships", said Jennifer Story, National Deputy Chairperson of the CFS. Ms. Story linked the wages to student loan repayment: "After monthly [] payments, there will be not enough money to put food on the table."

The average student debt of 1997's graduates stood at \$22,000, and is expected to reach \$25,000 for 1998 graduates.

Trial delayed in CASA fraud case

Last minute lawyer switch leads to delay

by David Cochrane
Ottawa Bureau (CUP)

The fraud trial of a former student politician accused of embezzling thousands of dollars from a national student organization has been delayed until early next year.

Patrick FitzPatrick was supposed to appear in a New Brunswick court on Sept. 8 to stand trial for fraud.

But three days before the trial was set to begin, FitzPatrick switched lawyers and asked for a delay until his new counsel could study the case. The crown objected, but Judge Hazen Strange granted a continuance until January.

"The trial should go ahead today," said Kevin Connelly, the New Brunswick crown prosecutor handling the case. "People were inconvenienced. We had witnesses coming in from out of province."

FitzPatrick is officially charged with defrauding the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations of more than \$5,000. Some reports have placed the actual amount

closer to \$40,000. If convicted, FitzPatrick faces up to ten years in jail.

The charges stem from a two-month period in the fall of 1995 when FitzPatrick was serving as CASA's interim director. CASA alleged that FitzPatrick used his position as co-ordinator of a national conference on higher education to access and misuse the funds.

The conference ran up nearly \$30,000 in unaccounted expenses and when suspicious bills began to appear, like one for \$10,000 worth of letterhead, the organization began an internal investigation.

FitzPatrick also had access to a CASA-funded credit card while serving as director. Charges to the credit card during that period include bills for pizza, a stay at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa, and a \$169 shopping spree at The Gap.

In January of last year CASA met with police to launch a formal investigation but formal charges were not laid until earlier this year.

The missing money forced CASA to cancel the conference and

gave a black eye to the two-year old Alliance. Hoops Harrison, the Alliance's executive director, says CASA is trying to forget about the trial and start fresh. But he says the Alliance is considering a civil suit against FitzPatrick.

"It certainly is a very large priority for our members that we recover the money," he said. "But the criminal trial is our first priority."

CASA was just a few months old and had a total annual budget of \$128,000 when the money went missing. Harrison says it was easy for someone to deceive the inexperienced Alliance.

"We were a very young organization when this happened and it was easy to take advantage of the new organizational structure," he said.

CASA currently represents 13 student unions and more than 200,000 students.

FitzPatrick could not be reached for comment. He recently worked as a photographer for a student newspaper in New Brunswick where his brother Joseph FitzPatrick is now the editor in chief

Racism allegations haunt University of Toronto

by Meg Murphy
The Varsity (CUP)

University of Toronto president Robert Prichard's recent denial of racial bias in hiring practices by the university is being vehemently challenged by community members.

At a Sept. 4 academic board meeting, Prichard refused to discuss racism charges recently made against the law faculty by widely-respected scholar April Burey, a black lawyer who was recently refused a job interview for a law post in race and gender studies. Burey holds a masters in law from Harvard University and has argued race-based cases before the Supreme Court.

And Prichard also defended the university against allegations of systemic racism in the physics department made by former U of T seismologist Kin Yip Chun.

Chun alleges that he was sub-jected to racial harassment that eventually cost him job opportunities while employed at the department between 1985 and 1994. Growing public concern about his case comes after three years of silent campaigning by Chun. He says 5,000 people worldwide have been faxed about the case.

Instead, Prichard spoke at length about the university's innocence in the Chun case, while advocates of the Chinese-Canadian

scholar's were not given speaking privileges during the meeting.

Chair Roger Beck said at the meeting that the case was at heart "a personnel or personal matter" and that allowing Chun's advocates speaking rights would be unwise.

"The risk of straying into inappropriate, dangerous and prejudiced terrain is in my estimation, too great," he said.

Nor was Chun himself permitted to refute Prichard's 25-minute reas-

urance speech. "I grew up in China and I know a thing or two about dictatorship. But even criminals in China are allowed to speak," said Chun.

But Prichard says that the results of the university's own internal investigation - which found no evidence of racial discrimination - is adequate. Prichard says that the community must learn to accept U of T's innocence as evidenced in the report's findings. "At some point it

has to stop. The mere repetition of the allegation does not make it true. The facts must count," he said.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission, which only investigates 2 to 3 per cent of the complaints filed each year, has launched an investigation into the case.

In an unusually exploitative arrangement by the university's own account, Chun performed professorial duties and attracted over \$1.4-million in research contracts while at U of T - but was not paid by the university. His salary and benefits were entirely derived from the external contracts he attracted, while his position was status-only professor to enable him to apply for the grants.

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National engineering association sues Memorial

Dispute over word 'engineering' in new Computer Science program

by Sean Ryan
The Muse (CUP)

Local and national professional engineering associations have initiated joint legal action against Memorial University of Newfoundland to stop what they see as a violation of federal trademark laws.

The suit, which was filed by the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland (APEGN), concerns MUN's use of the term "software engineering" in the name of a new non-engineering program.

The dispute began about a year ago as what some called a turf-war between the faculty of engineering and the department of computer science. Both were bidding for the proposed Software Engineering program.

After losing the program, the engineering faculty brought their concerns to APEGN. This led to an extensive lobby campaign on the part of both engineer groups in an attempt to derail the university's efforts.

"It is just as misleading for a non-engineering faculty, such as the faculty of [science] of MUN, to offer a degree program in engineering as it would be if they offered a degree

program in law, medicine or dentistry," wrote APEGN president Geoff Emberley in a statement.

Allen Steeves, APEGN's executive director, said the reasons for the suit are based on the best interests of the public.

"We're mainly concerned about the negative impact on the students and on the public and on our ability to regulate the profession in that area if we lose the titles 'software engineer' and 'software engineering' to anybody that wants to use it," he said

"If we lose the right or ability to defend this title then we lose it to everybody, so it becomes a very serious public safety concern in our estimation."

The suit goes so far as to accuse MUN of, "deceiving the public by passing off its services as and for the services of APEGN and its members."

University spokesperson Peter Morris says he disagrees. "[MUN] is not out to deceive anyone. We're out to offer a program in software engineering in computer science.

"The professional engineering associations seem to think that people will be somehow confused between this and the designation of 'professional engineer', which is

something that they are responsible for designating on individuals," he said.

The new university calender will include disclaimers to clarify that this is separate from what would be defined as a program of the Faculty of Engineering.

Morris pointed out that the University of Toronto offers a program in software engineering in their computer science department.

"It is common practice throughout the United States; other Canadian universities are considering it," he said. "... but on the surface it certainly appears as if we are being singled out."

But CCPE Interim President Wendy Ryan-Bacon said the fact that U of T is much larger and more powerful has nothing to do with CCPE's decision to only sue MUN.

"I guess there are a number of factors [why we have not sued them], but whether they are doing it or not doing it has no bearing on the case against Memorial," she said. "If we are successful in this we intend to go after other universities as well."

Ryan-Bacon said the CCPE is still amenable to an out-of-court solution, "if the university stopped calling [the program] engineering."

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The Amiable Librarian

This column is based on questions or suggestions received by staff members of the Desmarais Library either personally or on the "Compliments/Questions/Suggestions" form that may be filled out near the exit of the library.

Question: *I was made aware today that the public document collection currently located on the third floor library is to be moved to the second floor. This is a ridiculous idea. Having the public documents in its own section facilitates the use of them; moving them will make it terribly confusing. Although I am graduating this year, I am still very concerned for those students that will have to search for something with difficulty. P.S. I was also made aware that Frank Stradiotto will be moved downstairs and will have less time to assist students with the public documents. Please reconsider this move.*

Reply: The Amiable Librarian assures you that the library would never do anything deliberately that would impair its ability to offer service. Any change it makes is designed to offer more efficient service to users. As a start, the Amiable Librarian admits you are correct: this summer it is the library's intention to move public documents, along with Mr. Stradiotto, down to the second floor. But you should know three things about the move.

First, only "core" documents will be moved. As you can imagine, these will include the statistical material, as well as legislative debates, bills, statutes, and other material that the library does not think should circulate. The material which remains will be available for circulation in line with an earlier Senate motion on this topic. Mr. Stradiotto will be directly involved in the decision-making process as to what goes.

Second, all public documents will remain organized according to the familiar CODOC system and thus they will remain as a distinct collection. The On-line Catalogue will be recoded to indicate which are on the second floor and which are on the third.

Third, Mr. Stradiotto will still be available to help students for ex-

actly the same hours that he is at present. It is true that, positioned at the main reference desk, he may also be involved with questions that have nothing to do with public documents. But it is also true that other staff there will—the library's biggest concern with the current arrangements is that with when Mr. Stradiotto is not around (breaks, evenings, sick days and vacations), it has become much more difficult to service public documents from the second floor. The Amiable Librarian acknowledges that other staff will have to be trained in the use of the collection so that they can assist in Mr. Stradiotto's absences but rest assured, he will continue to be the library's front line specialist in documents, just as other reference staff will continue as specialists in their respective areas.

Question: *Why does the library have so few microfilm machines? With all the information that is stored in this manner, three microfilm readers are not adequate, especially considering the time it takes to search a microfilm.*

Reply: The Amiable Librarian is in total agreement with you. Do you realize however, that one new microfilm reader costs between \$14 000 and \$19 000, and that with the huge cuts the library has suffered, it has not yet been possible to buy one. However, according to the library's business officer, Ms. Helena Shepherd, the library expects to have the funds for such a purchase at the beginning of the next academic year.

Question: *What is this I hear about an idle employee who must sit around and wait until a certain time to fix a paper-jammed photocopier. How much does bad policy like this cost the student?*

Reply: You are correct in pointing out that the photocopiers are fixed on a schedule, not whenever they break down. The reason for this is that with staff cut-backs this past year, the person who used to maintain and fix equipment now has to perform a multiplicity of other tasks—for example, photocopying for students off-campus. Believe the Amiable: he is not idle!

Got a Library question? The Amiable Librarian answers your library-related questions every week. Forms can be found at the exit of the J.N. Desmarais Library.

Join the Fight Against Diabetes in "A Case for a Cure" Campaign at The Beer Store

The Beer Store and the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) invite you to join them on Saturday, September 27 to help make the world's largest bottle drive even bigger. The sixth annual "Case for a Cure" campaign is a chance for you to gather your empties and make a difference. With your help we hope to collect two million empty beer bottles and cans to raise \$200,000 for diabetes.

Everyone can participate in this worthwhile event. On September 27, simply take your empties to any one of 428 Beer Stores across Ontario. Hundreds of volunteers and staff from the Canadian Diabetes Association, The Beer Store and the Lions Club will be on hand to accept your generous donation.

"Donating a case of empties is a painless way to give and to support a worthy cause," says Lyn McDonell of the Canadian Diabetes Association. "Diabetes is everyone's concern. By the year 2,000, it is estimated that more than 100 million people from around the world will have diabetes. Although insulin, diet and exercise can control the condition, to date, there is no cure for the disease. That is why this campaign is geared to generating awareness and raising funds for research and prevention."

The annual bottle drive also helps to protect the environment. "The Beer Store is committed to environmental causes," says Pat Bartholomew, President of The Beer Store. "Today,

almost 99 per cent of beer bottles are recovered and reused 15 to 20 times. We estimate that over the past 70 years, with support of our customers, The Beer Store has diverted about 60 billion beer bottles away from Ontario landfill sites," explains Mr. Bartholomew.

This kind of continued commitment is what the Canadian Diabetes Association is hoping for in September. "We feel optimistic about being able to meet this year's goal, thanks to the ongoing support of The Beer Store and our communities," says Ms. McDonell. "If we work together, we can find a cure."

For more information, contact: Lucy Rybka-Becker The Beer Store (905) 277-7947

Letter to the editor

In the past few weeks, it has been evident to some Laurentian students that there is a basic flaw in the fairness of the application of Scholarships.

Some full-time students with averages exceeding 80% were expecting to receive a Scholarship this year under new funding from the University, but didn't.

The policy for this Scholarship is that a student must carry a minimum thirty credit course load and achieve a minimum average of 80%. However, with increasing budget cuts, course availability has been sacrificed to the point where some courses are offered on an alternate basis. The resulting problem is that for some students it is difficult to carry a thirty credit course load per year. The number of students this affects is unclear.

Diane Massicotte has said that three students have been in to contact with her regarding the policy whereas student Awards will only say that many students have called to complain about the policy.

The new Scholarship initiative was announced to many students in their registration package. On the surface it appears that the university has made a huge financial commitment. In reality, Laurentian has chosen a policy of application for the Scholarship which discriminates against students who are already suffering the ill effects of a poorly managed university.

To date, Student Awards has said that funding will not be made available to students in this position. However, if you feel that you should be eligible for a scholarship and have to date been denied,

It is highly recommended that you call someone at the Awards office immediately to have your case appealed.

Liisa Lahtinen

Attention All Clubs!

The club Funding Process is upon us once again. A comprehensive club funding package is available at the SGA Office that will assist new and exciting clubs with the funding process. The deadline for applications is Oct. 31 st.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the SGA Office, or e-mail me at LAUGHREN@nickel.laurentian.ca. Club days will be held near the end of Sept. and tables can be booked through the Office of Student life.

Best of luck in the year, and I hope to see you during club days if not sooner.

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LOCS HAWAIIAN HOT TUB PARTY!!

by James Bryers

Well it's that time of year again, time for stress, long line-ups at the bookstore and HOT TUBS!! You may scratch your head when we say HOT TUBS!! but that's probably because you didn't make it out to a hot tub party at Backstreet last year. One of our premier events is the favourite HOT TUB!! party. A chance for people to come out and show off their summer tans before they fade off into the Sudbury cold. This year's first HOT TUB!! bash is at Backstreet this Saturday the 20th. We'll have Q92 there and Molson prizes to be won. Dress up in your best summer beach wear, bring your suit and towel for the tub, and be sure when you come through the door that you get layed (you know what we're talking about.) Kiss Summer Aloha this Saturday with Laurentian Off-Campus Students at Backstreet!!

In other LOCS news, the LOCS executive is forming the LOCS Council. We need energetic volunteers to help with Intramurals, Advertising and Fund Raising. Those interested in being part of the council should contact LOCS at 669-0841 and leave a message.

And now for LOCS Sports. The LOCS Big Thunder Men's and Women's Basketball teams are now forming if you didn't get your name on the sign-up sheets, call 669-0841 with your name, number and student ID# to get on the squad. Men and Women play Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Ben Avery Gym from Sep. 25 to Nov. 27. Space is limited so hurry. LOCS members who are interested in entering the Intramural Bowling Competition at Holiday Lanes on Sunday, Oct. 19, should sign-up their teams or individually at the Intramural Office in the PHED Centre.

See you Saturday Night!

LOCS/EHCL CALENDER

Sat. Sep. 20: Kiss Summer Aloha at LOCS Hawaiian Hot Tub Party at Backstreet, Downtown on Beech St.

Thu. Sep. 25: Men's and Women's Basketball begins.

Sat. Oct. 25: LOCS Annual Hallowe'en Bash at Backstreet, Prizes for costumes.

Sat. Nov. 1: LOCS has BITE! Watch for Details.

Sat. Nov. 22: LOCS Christmas Semi-Formal.

Laurentian to Participate at North Bay Day of Action

by Todd Bosak

Contributor

On September 26th and 27th, citizens of North Bay will be witnessing an event that has been seen in many northern communities over the past year. The city that bills itself as the gateway to the north will host the latest 'Days of Action' protest against the Conservative government of Mike Harris. This is the third such protest in the north. It follows protests in Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

The Days of Action protests were started two years ago as organized labour came together with community groups and student organizations to take a stand against what they believed to be the harsh and unfair policies of Mike Harris, the Conservative Premier hailing from North Bay. The largest of the demonstrations occurred in Toronto last year as over 300,000 people marched down University Avenue in the provincial capital. Other protests have occurred in places such as Hamilton, London, Waterloo, and Peterborough.

As has been the case in every Days of Action protest so far, Laurentian students and faculty plan to be there. The Laurentian Coalition for Social Justice, in cooperation with the SGA and the AEF, announced this week that as many as two buses would be leaving from Laurentian to attend the protest. A 30 percent increase in tuition over the past two years, as well as the specter of income contingent loan repayment for OSAP recipients have led many students to begin rallying against the current government.

The upcoming Day of Action is significant in that it comes at

a very controversial time for the Mike Harris government. The government is currently planning legislation (Bill 136) that would limit the right to strike for public servants and teachers. This legislation has been met with the threat to strike by unions such as the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Ontario Secondary Student Teachers Federation. Both unions as well as others have declared that the North Bay event will be a major building action to oppose Bill 136.

As with other Days of Action protests, the first day of the event will be dedicated to issue-specific rallies and workplace closures. It appears that Nipissing University will be the sight of an information picket during the morning of the 26th, to be followed by an education rally with people involved with every area of the education sector. Friday evening will be capped off by a social event entitled the 'resistance' which will feature the Juno nominated Grievous Angels as well as North Bay favourites the Fundamentals. Saturday the 27th will be highlighted by a large rally through downtown. This rally is being billed as the largest rally ever to occur in Northern Ontario.

Laurentian participation is occurring in a coordinated fashion with other schools across the province. The Canadian Federation of Students, earlier this year, reaffirmed its commitment to making sure that there is a student presence at all Days of Action protests. Canadian Federation of Students locals from as far as Windsor and Thunder Bay have committed to sending students to North Bay.

To find out more information about the North Bay Day of Action protest, and Laurentian involvement, call 669-1567.

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What Is A Virus?

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

Everyone has heard of viruses before, but many people do not really know what a virus is or does. The word itself comes from Latin and means 'poison'. The Oxford English dictionary defines it as "a morbid poison of contagious disease.". It is quite obvious then, that viruses are undesirable and harmful. A better understanding of how viruses are constructed will show us that while viruses can be very destructive, they can also do a lot of good.

The difficulty in understanding the concept of a virus is that there are untold numbers of viruses in existence and each one can have very different or very similar symptoms. There is no exact list of criteria for viruses so it can be next to impossible to say with one hundred percent certainty that an illness or death can be attributed to a virus. Some viruses only effect certain plants, some only effect certain animals. With all of these variability's, what makes a virus a virus and not something else?

Some of the fundamental characteristics of viruses include their extremely small size, their need for a living cell (they can't multiply without it), and their simple chemical constitution. Most viruses are made up of a protein coat, nucleic acids, and sometimes a viral envelope. So what is it about them that makes them so dangerous, sometimes even lethal and yet so useful? The answer lies in the life cycle of the virus.

The virus first must find its way into a living cell. As Dr. Andrew Scott writes in *New Scientist*, the next step in the life cycle is "the decoding of its genes to produce viral proteins, and the replication of the viral genetic material. The new proteins and the copies of genetic material then assemble into new viruses, which escape from the cell to continue infection elsewhere. By infecting cells in this manner, viruses either kill the cells, or they change them in some way.". It would seem that the entire purpose of a virus is simply to wreak havoc and death upon living cells.

The truth is that scientists are now exploring the possibility that viruses can actually do much good. In areas of genetics, agricultural developments, and most importantly, in disease research, virologists are exploiting viruses to their own ends. Researchers believe that viruses hold the key to curing genetic diseases, famine, and can greatly increase the productive capacity of crops and farm animals. These are certainly high expectations of a microscopic entity that has quite literally been the plague of mankind, yet viruses are continuing to break new boundaries in scientific research.

Considering that viruses have the potential to do very good things and very bad things in our lives, it is pretty important that people have at least a basic understanding of what a virus is all about. As scientists continue to make new breakthroughs, viruses will become a household word, and a part of everyday life. Whether this is a positive or a negative thing, you will have to judge for yourselves.

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

Common Cold

This familiar virus is one that effects everyone, throughout their entire lives. It has an incubation period (the time between infection and the outbreak of disease) of approximately ten days. This infection is always spread by tiny droplets from an infected person who sneezes or coughs. An uncovered sneeze or cough projects thousands of infected particles into the air. For all of the stoics out there who think they are being noble by continuing to go to class or work despite their illness, DON'T. Do everyone else and yourself a favour and stay at home until you're well, or at least bring a handkerchief or Kleenex everywhere you go.

Influenza

This can be a very difficult infection to diagnose due to its vast array of symptoms and its similarities with other diseases. This virus, actually, there are several different viruses in the flu family, can be spread by both droplets and by fine particles that can remain viable in air for some time. The first signs of flu are usually headaches, accompanied with a shivery feeling and body aches. Flu infection can also include the symptoms of a cold (coughing and sneezing), may include a fever, mental depression, and overall weakness. As we have all experienced first-hand, the flu makes you feel absolutely wretched and can take a long time to completely recover from. Some complications can also arise if the patient does not allow themselves the proper time to recover, as the immune system is greatly weakened and pneumonia can develop. Again the spread of flu viruses is greatly reduced by using a handkerchief or Kleenex.

Chicken Pox

Those who have experi-

enced this virus most likely remember what an ordeal it was. This infection is the product of the Varicella virus and has an incubation period of two-three weeks. The symptoms include a rash (that, if memory serves, is extremely itchy), a slight rise in body temperature. A number of small vesicles (membranous, usually fluid-filled sacs or pouches) develop, dry up, then scab over. Picking at the vesicles, including scratching them, can often lead to permanent scarring. A single exposure to the Varicella virus is often enough to build a life-long resistance.

Measles

This is a highly contagious disease with an incubation period of about two weeks. It is characterized by symptoms of catarrh (an inflammation of any mucous membrane, especially that of the nasal passages, usually accompanied by a discharge from the membrane), fever, and development of spots on the mucous membrane of the cheeks that are red and small with a bluish-white speck in the middle). These spots appear before the characteristic rash develops on the rest of the skin. Again it is a virus transmitted by droplets. These droplets are brought about through the respiratory tract. This is a dangerous disease for expecting mothers and proper precautions should be taken to avoid exposure.

Mumps

Again this is a highly infectious disease that is transmitted directly from one person to another through droplets in the breath. The effects include painful swelling of parotid gland, sickness, headache, muscular pains, and swelling of the parotid glands. The incubation period is between two-three weeks and the mumps can take a prolonged amount of time to recover from.

Herpes, Cold Sores, Fever Blisters

Despite the stigma surrounding these viruses, they are actually quite common among the human population. There are several different theories as to the origins of these viruses, including a theory that they exist in the human body naturally and only later develop viral properties. Another theory is that infection with the virus occurred in early childhood and the virus has persisted ever since. The unfortunate aspect of these viruses are that, once exposed, the virus remains for life.

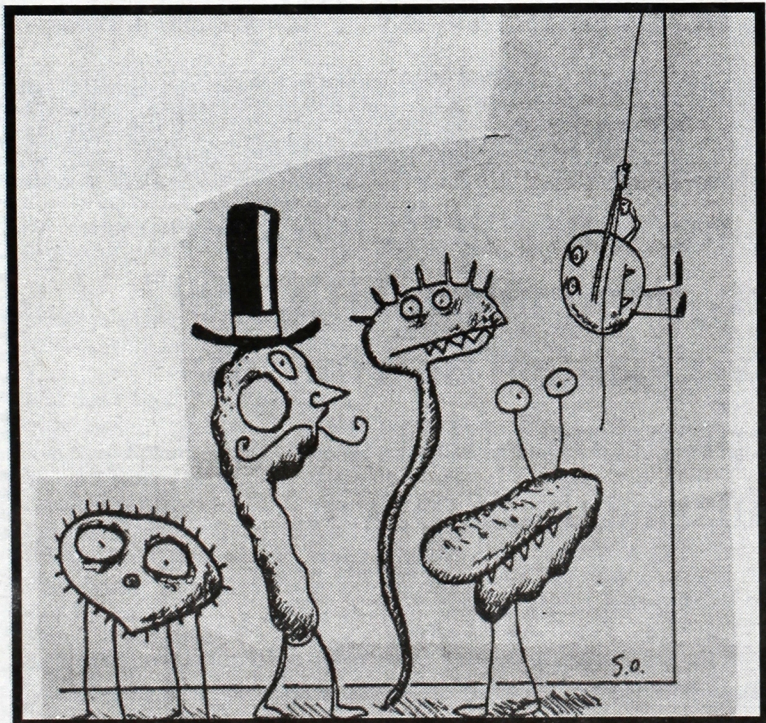
Warts

It might be surprising, but the unsightly afflictions known as warts are actually caused by a filterable virus as opposed to a bacteria. There are several different types of warts; the common flat type, the stalked or pedunculate kind, the 'fig-wart', planter's warts, and others. All of these types of warts are actually caused by the same virus (this means that no one type of wart is any better or worse than any other), and the human wart viruses are not transmittable to animals or vice versa.

Hanta virus

While you may not have heard of this virus, it is a new and deadly virus that originates from Korea but has been reported as close as Algonquin Park. This virus is spread from the carcasses of dead animals and/or their feces. It is important when cleaning out your cottage in the spring, if there are any dead mice etc. you must wear rubber gloves and use javex to clean everything. Be very careful not to stir up the dust in the air as this will spread the virus and will be breathed in.

Some of this information comes from the book, "Beyond the Microscope" by Kenneth M. Smith



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A Bad Rap?

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

The word virus evokes images of plague, illness, and all things unhealthy. But the truth of the matter is that viruses have many practical applications that can be of great use in the agricultural, medical, and research fields. Viruses are used in gene therapy, drug engineering, and all sorts of commercial uses. It is hard for the layman to understand how a virus, which is so dangerous to both plants and animals, not to mention bacteria, can be so useful at the same time. Viruses are like fire that way, when controlled, they can be exploited for the needs of mankind, but when uncontrolled, they can have horrifying consequences.

Because viruses can insert their own genetic information into the genetic information of the host cell, they can be used to alter the permanent genetic information of the cell. This offers an exciting range of possibilities for genetic engineers who use viruses in their research. Through manipulation of the genes within the virus, the genetic engineer can introduce virtually anything they want into the genetic information of the cell itself. For people suffering from genetic disease, the faulty genes in their own chromosomes could conceivably be corrected. While this research is still in the experimental stages, it raises a lot of hope for the future prospects of people with genetic diseases.

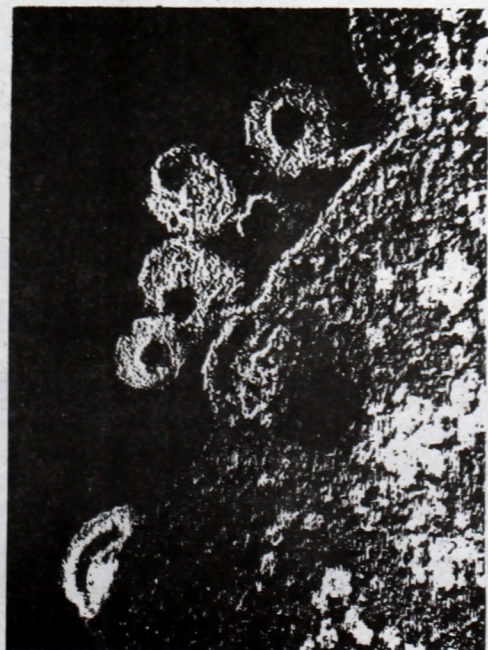
Another potential use for viruses in the medical field relates to drug therapy. By eliminating the contents of the viral envelope and replacing it with a package of drugs (for medicinal purposes), a 'Supervirus' can be created. The benefits of this technology are the creation of ultra-effective drugs that target the specific cells where they are needed most. Drug therapy would be revolutionized to such a point that even illnesses that are not genetic could be treated with greater efficiency and accuracy by these new designer drugs.

Viruses are such useful tools for biological research in part because of their simple

structure; they are among the simplest life forms in the world. They can be used to vaccinate against diseases, including the possibility of developing a single vaccine that could provide immunity against a host of diseases. The potential uses of viruses in many different fields are just beginning to be explored and the limits are endless. Even the world of bacteria is not safe from the onslaught of viral attack as bacteriophages are also being manipulated to increase their efficiency in infecting the microorganisms.

The use of viruses in the agricultural field is another area of research that is in an experimental phase. With the help of viruses, industrial pesticides (for use on crops) are becoming stronger and vastly more effective. Viruses can be engineered to attack certain insects or bacteria that affect certain crops. It is conceivable that crops will be virtually immune to pestilence and plague. This has important ramifications for farmers, consumers, and economies the world over.

The possibility of super-animals also exists with the evolving viral technology. Imagine a cow whose germ cells have been genetically altered by a virus so that the cow's milk production is doubled. Or a chicken who has been genetically altered to produce mammoth eggs. There really is no end to the things that viruses will one day be able to accomplish. Once viruses have attained a bit of respectability, the general public will be better able to accept some of the remarkable breakthroughs being achieved, and viruses might not have as a bad a rap as they have had.



A new generation: the virus that causes AIDS buds out of a T4 cell to begin a new cycle of infection

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

Laurentian University's Dr. Ratiarson was kind enough to take time out of her busy schedule to answer some of my questions regarding viruses. The following is a brief summary of that interview. Thank you again to Dr. Ratiarson, whose information about viruses, and AIDS were of great assistance.

Q. What is the difference between a virus and a retrovirus?

A. A retrovirus is a type of virus that has RNA for its genome, as opposed to DNA, which allows the retrovirus to splice its own genetic information into that of the cell that it is infecting. A prime example of this would be the HIV virus, as opposed to the Vari-cella virus (causes chicken

A Virologist Speaks

pox) which is a less complex type of virus than a retrovirus..

Q. Is the experimental use of viruses a good thing? Is it safe?

A. Yes, the use of viruses in things like pesticides and vaccines is safe. Only a small, inactive portion of the virus, for example a portion from the viral envelope, is used to allow the immune system to build up a resistance to the virus. Virologists use recombinant DNA technology (splicing strands of genetic material- DNA- from different organisms and inserting the resultant combination into a host virus or bacterium) to weaken the virus to be used in a vaccine, thereby eliminating the 'dangerous' or infectious part of the virus. There remains just enough of the original virus to stimulate an immune response. It is a

completely safe process. The same process is used to create baculoviruses that are used in pesticides for crops.

Q. Can viruses become resistant to vaccines like bacteria become resistant to antibiotics?

A. No. Bacteria mutate to become new bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics that may have been effective against it earlier. Vaccines are different because it comes from part of the virus itself. Antibiotics are made up of drugs that fight the invading bacteria, vaccines are the result of the stimulation of the immune system from a defunct part of the actual virus. (A vaccine is sufficient protection from a specific viral infection, thus the elimination of the smallpox virus, except in containment in research facilities.)

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

There may very well be a lot of exciting and promising new developments in the field of viral technology but the real dilemma is whether are not this is a good idea. I would certainly love to see a world in which there were no such things as crippling genetic disorders, plagues, or starvation but can we really be responsible and safe about things that we don't really understand? I understand that a great deal of research and experimentation goes on before anything is ever practically applied, but how do we know if it's enough? No one would begrudge anybody the benefits of viral research but what happens when something goes wrong? It goes really wrong.

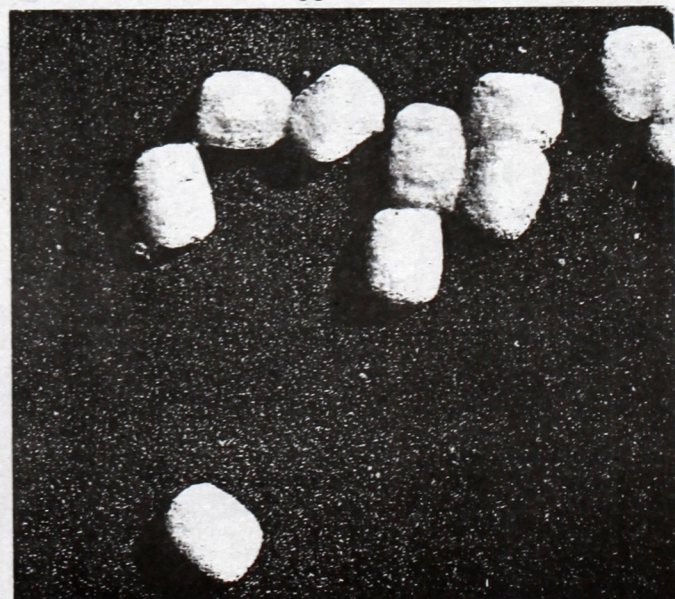
How can we be sure of all of the consequences of releasing viral pesticides into the environment. There is absolutely no way to be sure of every little thing that could happen, every little adverse reaction in the environment, or the adverse reaction

on the human population. The idea of playing God on such a large scale is terrifying and bespeaks the unbelievable arrogance of mankind. What happens to the delicate ecosystem when virologists unleash their designer viruses and tamper with nature?

I really believe that nature has a way of correcting any mistakes that develop as a result of human interference. We may believe that we have the power to control certain aspects of the natural, biological world but something else will evolve to compensate for that interference. There are already new strains of viruses that are immune to vaccines or any other form of treatment. What we're seeing here is the creation of even scarier, and more dangerous viruses that are man made (whether for aggres-

sive use or not) that can not be stopped. I don't question the validity or the usefulness of viral research, but I do believe that we, the public, need to ask more questions and keep the researchers more accountable for their actions.

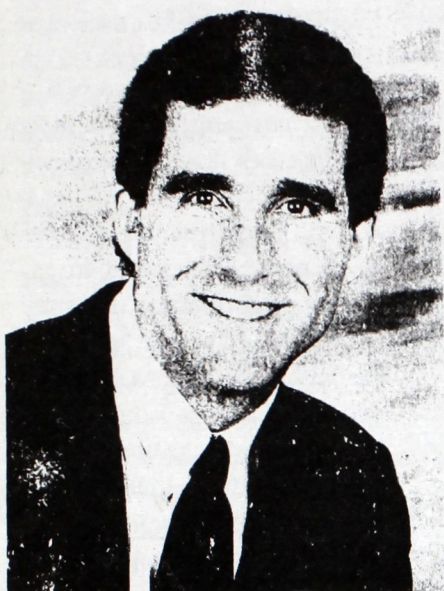
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Sudbury Site For International Conference

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Dr. Len Horowitz

- D.M.D., Tufts University
- M.A., Beacon College
- M.P.H., Harvard University
- Author of 10 books and more than 100 scientific and lay publications
- Faculty positions held at Tufts and Harvard

Among the speakers at the "Common Front Against the Common Foe" Conference will be Dr. Leonard Horowitz of Maryland (USA), the author of the best selling *Emerging Viruses: From Aids to Ebola*, and Dr. Garth Nicolson of California. Dr. Nicolson has published over 400 scientific and medical papers and edited 13 books, and his research has identified a myco-plasma which is not only linked to Gulf War Illness, but which may also result in symptoms similar to Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's, Lupus and other autoimmune disorders. Also on the program will be Dr. Jeff Sherkey of Toronto, who is known for his pioneering research into and treatment of Fibromyalgia and Myalgic Encephalomyelitis.

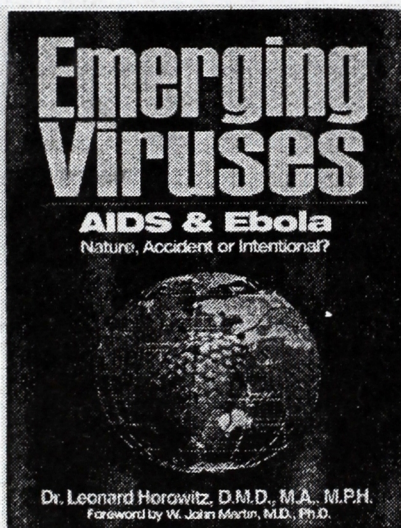
Participating in the conference will be Capt. Joyce Riley, RN, of the U.S. Military and Lt. Louise Richards, RN, of the Canadian Armed Forces. Both Capt. Riley and Lt. Richards suffer from Gulf War Illness and each is the president of their respective Veteran's Association. This will be the first time they will be sharing their experiences on the same program.

Because the focus will be on the emerging viruses and sub-viral organisms that have developed since the mid-1970's and which appear to be increasing in both incidence and virulence, the Conference has been titled "Common Cause Against Common Foe". There is mounting evidence that a single agent may give rise to a variety

of brain diseases as was suggested recently by Nancy Wexler, President of the Hereditary Disease Foundation. Ms. Wexler was quoted in the *Globe and Mail* of Aug. 8, 1997, as suggesting that insoluble protein balls forming in brain cell nuclei might "provide a common, underlying explanation for all neurodegenerative diseases."

Mr. Byron Timmermans, President of the Fibromyalgia Society of Ontario, points out that the discoveries reported in the G. and M. article can be linked to the work of Dr. Carleton Gajdusek who has demonstrated the presence of insoluble amyloid fibrils in the brain cells, and these can in turn be linked to a variety of brain diseases. It may well be that if we solve the mystery of these insoluble protein masses that are killing brain cells, we will solve the mystery of Alzheimer's, Aids, Parkinson's, Huntington's, Multiple Sclerosis, Fibromyalgia, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Lupus and other such diseases. Hence the title of our Conference: "Common Cause Against the Common Foe."

All presentations will be open to the public except for a special Saturday Noon Luncheon featuring Drs. Nicolson and Sherkey, which will be limited to medical doctors only. For tickets and information call 669-0103.



Stopping A Virus

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

The easiest and most effective way of stopping the spread of viruses is by using simple common sense. By covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze, by reducing your exposure to infected people, and by not sharing food and drinks with other people, you can greatly reduce your risk of becoming infected by an airborne virus. Even if someone does not display the symptoms of an illness, it could just be in the incubation period.

The powers of resistance that the immune system has depend a great deal on not being overburdened. When you let yourself get over tired and rundown, you are just begging to pick up some kind of viral infection.

Many viruses must just run their courses. There is no cure for the common cold or flu but nine times out of ten, you didn't have to get the infection in the first place. These solutions are related to air-borne viruses, there are obviously different methods for fluid related viruses.

The most obvious fluid-borne disease around is AIDS. But other STDs are also fluid-borne and the same methods of prevention will work for them as well. We all know that unprotected sex is a big NO-NO.

What people don't seem to realize is that this does apply to you and the people you know and not just everybody else. The fact of the matter is that it's too late to take responsibility for your actions after you've become infected, especially with something like AIDS. Even if AIDS is not curable right now, it is preventable and there is absolutely no excuse for contracting it through intravenous drug use or unprotected sex.

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recombine into the cell's DNA, researchers hope to find a way to stop this deadly disease. Unfortunately, as stated earlier, the virus can simply mutate to overcome any roadblocks in its way.

The tricky thing here is that people who have AIDS do not die of AIDS. The disease known as AIDS obliterates the immune system. This

means that a pesky cold or flu can turn deadly. Even the bacteria that is normally present in the human body, like yeast, can become life-threatening. The original difficulty in identifying AIDS is directly related to the fact that the disease can present itself in many different forms. In the end, the most important factors are that there is no cure as of yet, and that the spread of this virus is completely controllable.

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AIDS & The HIV Virus

by Sarah MacDonald
features editor

The epidemic known as AIDS is caused by the Human Immune Deficiency virus, a retrovirus that attacks the immune system and renders it useless. Unlike cold and flu viruses, HIV is not an airborne virus that can be transmitted through coughing or sneezing. It is, in fact, carried through bodily fluids like blood, semen, and vaginal secretions. In this "Age of AIDS", it is obvious that this disease can affect anyone and everyone, so it is crucial that we have at least a basic understanding of the HIV virus and how it works.

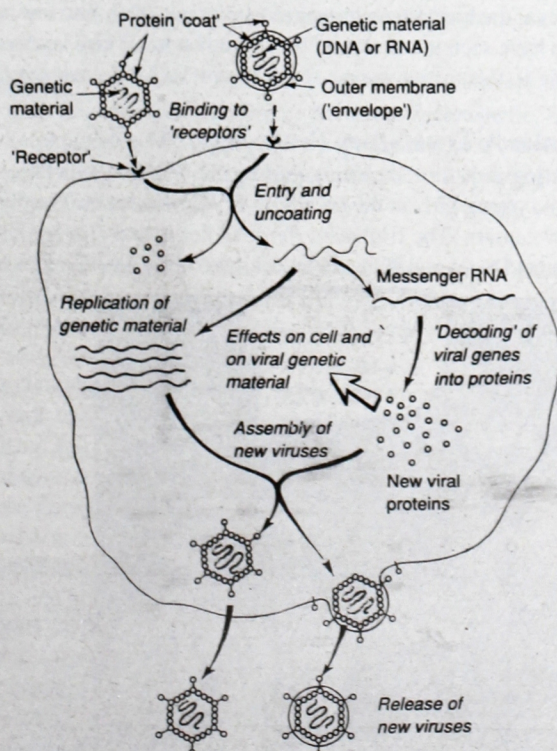
Retroviruses are a dangerous family of viruses that are extremely difficult to combat. They have RNA for their genetic information, as opposed to DNA. This means that they have the enzyme known as reverse transcriptase which allows them to transfer RNA into DNA. The viral envelope of HIV has the ability to bind with receptor sites on the surface of T4 lymphocytes (white blood cells of the immune system). The retrovirus is thus able to enter into the cell and begin the process of replicating itself and spreading the infection to other cells.

The RNA is transcribed into DNA to form a double strand. The DNA of the original cell is then cut and a piece of the viral DNA is inserted into the cell's DNA. The cells then reproduce other cells that are infected with the DNA of the HIV virus. These infected T4 cells, now HIV cells, can not perform their original function of providing the body with an immune response from hostile invaders like bacteria and other opportunistic pathogens. This is how the HIV virus provokes the onslaught of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The billions of common bacteria floating in the air, that we breathe in every single day, become a deadly threat to people with AIDS.

Because of the ability of the virus to copy its own genetic information and insert it into the human cell, it can mutate faster than scientists can track it. This poses an enormous problem in the search for a cure or vaccine for AIDS. While it is possible to develop a vaccine for a certain type of HIV virus, another one comes along just as quickly. These mutations do not exist only from person to person, but it is also within a single person that these mutations develop. It is no great wonder that finding a cure is such a challenging job and will no doubt take many years of continued research.

Current research on the treatment of AIDS and management of HIV has taken many directions. Drug therapies to boost the immune system as compensation for the infected cells is one method that is being practiced. There are also techniques aimed at attacking the virus itself. By interfering with the virus' ability to translate its RNA into DNA, cut the cell's DNA, to and

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The viral life cycle: each stage in the cycle offers a chance to explore the virus's special characteristics

Ebola Virus

The Ebola virus was first identified as far back as 1979. It was said that the outbreak in Marbury was originally caused by the African Green Monkey that was imported from Uganda to Yugoslavia but was not officially concluded. In fact, the initial virus was caused by patient spread of the disease to close family members or through close contact. During the Marbury outbreak, there was only one case given through sexual intercourse. The disease spread rapidly through the reuse of hypodermic needles, poor contamination, not enough isolation from public, and physician staff trying to treat the patients.

The Ebola virus is connected with viruses that cause Hemorrhage fevers, which are a group of diseases caused by viruses from different groups such as: Arena viruses, and Flaviviruses. In the Ebola case, the natural host for the virus is unknown. It begins with a fever or flu like symptoms and muscle aches, but throughout a short period of time (around 12-24 hours) the virus causes severe bleeding out of the all pores eyes, mouth, nose, and ears and later leads to respiratory problems, leading to heart failure and death.

Until recently, only three Ebola outbreaks have been reported, the first two had

been reported in Zaire and Sudan, in 1979.

The first outbreak in Zaire was one the largest of the two outbreaks with 550 cases of Ebola causing well over 340 deaths. While the outbreak in Sudan was relatively smaller with only 34 cases resulting in 22 deaths. During each of the outbreaks, a majority of cases occurred in the hospital settings under challenging conditions in a developing world. Quarantine procedures were taken but proved to be lacking in many ways.

The 1995 Ebola virus outbreak is centered in Kikwit, Zaire (Capital of Zaire), which appeared to have begun with a patient in Kikwit on April 10, 1995. The patient was supposed to have a routine operation, but the medical team found symptoms of the Ebola virus in his blood stream. The Ebola virus was finally detected by a Physician from Belgium who reported the disease to the Zairian Government.

Ebola is spread through close personal contact with a person who has contracted the disease. People who are at the highest risk are hospital care workers, working too closely to the patient. Hypodermic needles are constantly reused during treatment, this is common practice in developing world countries, health care is severely under

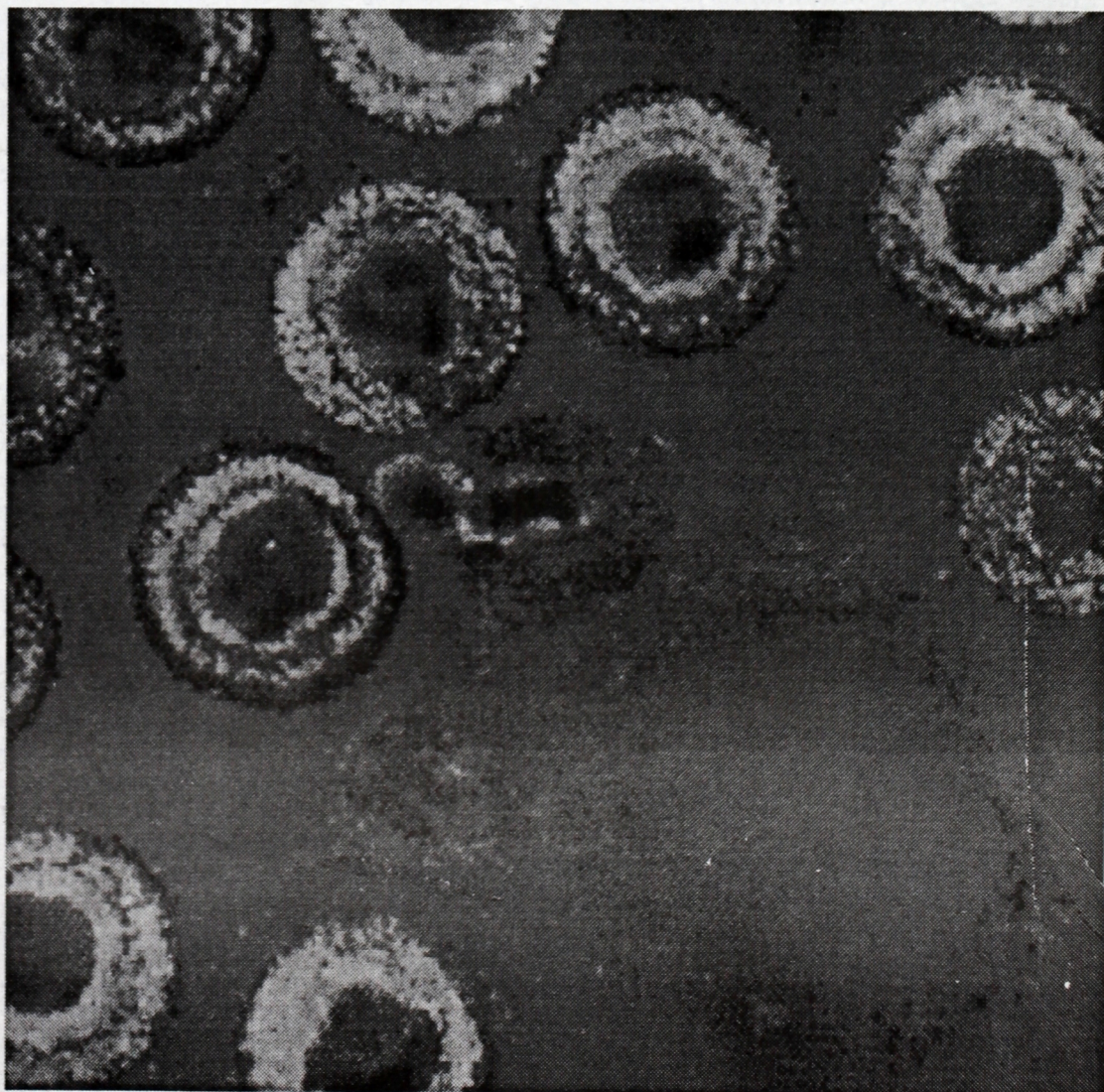
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When the Ebola virus is detected the hospital staff must follow a procedure call "Barrier Technique", which has five stages.

- 1) Doctors and Nurses wear gowns, masks, gloves, and goggles
- 2) Patient's visitors are very limited to visitation rights
- 3) Disposable materials are burned after treatment
- 4) All reusable material is sterilized before reuse
- 5) Complete isolation from other patients

The only people at risk are those who are in close contact with a patient who has the Ebola virus. There are no reports of anyone bringing the Ebola virus back to Canada or the USA after being in Zaire. The CDC has sent 3 medical specialists to Zaire to investigate and help find a cure. They provide advice and assistance in helping control the virus and prevent additional cases, collect specimen's, study patients, and others that have been in close contact with someone that has contracted the deadly virus.

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An Introduction to Cinefest '97

by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

For those of you who have become interested in Sudbury's annual film festival, Cinefest '97, I have put together this feature outlining what is going on and when, to hopefully help you in deciding what there is to see for the next few days. Last year I attended many movies not knowing what I was getting myself into. Hopefully this guide will help you a little more in choosing how to spend your time wisely at the Cinefest festivities from September 16 - 21.

All films that are not Gala Presentations will be shown on one of the three screens at the Famous Players Theatre in the City Centre Mall, while all Galas will be at the Sudbury Odeon. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or a festival pass, contact the Cinefest office or visit their info centre in the City Centre Mall. Good luck and good viewing!

My Picks For This Year

Cube (Thursday, 9pm) This is my pick for the festival. If any students want to see a great movie, go see this one. I have not even seen the movie, but I can clearly say that this movie is going to be fantastic! Just check out the synopsis. Six people are trapped in a deadly maze of identical symmetrical rooms. They have been plucked from their daily lives, not knowing where they are, or how they got there. As they weave their way through the rooms avoiding deadly traps, they realize each holds a key to their escape. The characters are diversely different including a cop, an escape artist, an activist doctor, an architect, a brilliant math student who discovers an encoded solution for survival and a mentally handicapped person. As the movie progresses, the cube claims the lives of a few of the prisoners, takes them to the edge of the cube and their sanity, and conflicts begin as the characters divide and one becomes violent and irrational as he loses touch with reality. That is when the true race for their freedom begins! I will guarantee that this movie will blow you away. I don't know how, but I have a gut feeling about it, and no movie synopsis has ever made me this excited about seeing an unknown movie. Just see Cube!

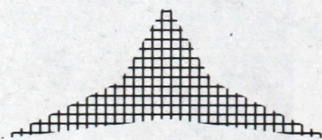
Kitchen Party (Saturday, 5pm) This movie is a comic look at a Friday night suburban teen party thrown by Scott Smith whose parents are at an overnight dinner party of their own across town. Scott's main worry is keeping the party in the kitchen of his house for two reasons; the basement is occupied by his reclusive older brother Steve, and the rest of the house is a virtual mine-field of domestic obsession carefully set by his mother. As the evening's events unwind, so do the pent up tensions between teens and adults leaving behind a trail of dented cars, bloodied noses, messed up carpets, and many ruptured lives. This movie sounds like a great movie for anyone who has had a party in their parents house that just did not go as planned.

In The Company Of Men (Friday, 9:30pm) A psychological love triangle showing the extreme of two men's plans to mess with the mind of a helpless woman. I will say now that this movie will not be for everyone, but it does seem interesting. The story follows two thirty-something executives on a six week business trip, passed over for promotions and dumped by their girlfriends. The two decide to find a girl which they can both date at the same time and dash her hopes at the end of the trip sending her "reaching for the sleeping pills within a week and... we'll laugh about this until we are very old men." What ensues is a cat and mouse game with the emotions and attention of a beautiful deaf girl. But as the men fight for her attention, their intensity and reasons take drastically different courses turning this boys will be boys game deadly serious with the struggle between the men mounting. The deaf woman becomes only a pawn in this twisted duel between two average guys.

The Big One (Friday, 4pm) The Big One follows the forty-seven city tour made by director/writer Michael Moore (Roger & Me, Canadian Bacon) in support of his best selling book "Downsize This". Michael's publisher thought he was just sending him on a book promotion tour, but Michael decided to use the trip to chronicle the state of the country weeks before the presidential election. This is a documentary, but like Roger & Me, it will be strangely funny seeing the real lives of people affected by the downsizing of America. Some highlights include a candy bar factory about to lay off employees for being too productive, a visit to "the worst place to live" in America, and an interview with the president of Nike who tries to explain why most of their shoes are made by Indonesian children. This is the documentary that should be seen by many of the up and coming students getting ready to enter the work force. It's a strange world out there, and Michael Moore always seems to make it that much more interesting and strange for the audience.

Dream With The Fishes (Sunday, 6pm) A low budget comedy/drama about suicide, voyeurism, LSD

and nude bowling. Sound cool already! The movie stars David Arquette as Terry, a nerdy, depressed, Peeping Tom who makes a pact with Nick, the male member of the couple he has been spying on. Nick has only a few weeks to live and together they decide to live out each other's fantasies, fueled by Terry's savings. At the end of the trip, Nick will reward Terry by killing him. Their strange roadtrip is somehow permanently sidetracked when they stay with Terry's stripper aunt (Kathy Moirarity). The movie is full of intense emotions and superb acting by Arquette, Brad Hunt as Nick and Kathryn Erbe as Nick's girlfriend who finally submits to his unorthodox plan on how to spend his final days. Just like many of my other picks, this movie is strange, but should attract a wide array of viewers.



The Gala Presentations



Every year the gala line up is a virtual who's who of cinematic genius, and this year is no exception! From powerful directors, amazingly talented unknowns, and stacked casts the gala presentations will be the place to be. Last year I stayed away from the galas, but this year will be a little harder. Here is the line up and brief synopsis of what's on at the Odeon, every night at 7pm.

L.A. Confidential (Thurs. Sept. 18) - Already billed as the 90's version of Chinatown, this star studded adaptation of James Elroy's 1990 crime thriller is bound to be the talk of the festival. Starring Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe, Guy Pearce, James Cromwell, David Strathairn, Danny DeVito and Kim Basinger this movie has more plot and character twists than a pretzel factory. The story follows a celebrity cop (Spacey) who is an advisor to a TV cop show and has dealings on the side with a trash mag editor (DeVito) who sets up celebrities in compromising positions while Spacey comes in for the arrest. But at some point Spacey crosses paths with two other cops on the force; the honest and hated officer played by Guy Pearce and the tough guy played by Russell Crowe. These cops are linked only by the beautiful and mysterious character played by Kim Basinger, but a massacre at an all night coffee shop unites the three officers sending them spiraling through a maze of corruption and double dealings.

Marquise (Fri. Sept 19) - This film is set in France during the reign of Louis XIV, this movie is a romantic drama about the life of the Marquise du Parc (Sophie Marceau), one of France's most notorious courtesans. The Marquise is an aspiring actress with a developed beauty that overpowers her minimal acting talent. Having secured a part in an acting troupe by marrying the lead actor, she finds herself performing for a smitten king and beginning a steamy affair with Jean Racine. This stunning period piece is directed by Academy Award nominee Vera Belmont and should delight the romantic at heart.

Regeneration (Sat. Sept 20) - This movie starring Jonathan Price and Jonny Lee Miller seems to be on everyone's must see list. The story follows Dr. William Rivers, a pioneer of psychiatry in 1917 England. His attempts to deal with shell shocked and deeply disturbed patients incapacitated by their experiences in the trenches leads the story through the experiences of a distinguished anti-war poet, another poet deeply troubled by his experiences, and a young man who rose from humble beginnings to become an officer who arrives at the hospital no longer able to speak. This film has been hailed by all who have seen it and should be of interest to all moviegoers. Without even seeing it, this movie is one of my top picks for a must see.

Fairy Tale: A True Story (Sun. Sept 21) - To me this is a strange yet interesting pick for the closing night gala. The movie is based on a true story of two young girls at the height of WWI who capture fairies in action with a new camera. The film stars Peter O'Toole and Harvey Keitel as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Harry Houdini, two of the world's most intriguing



and brilliant minds attempting to unravel the mystery. I don't know if I will see this movie or not, but the premise is so interesting that you have to at least consider viewing this film.

That is it for the gala films. I did not include the opening gala *The Sweet Hereafter* due to the fact that this paper does not come out until the day after its showing.

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Other Films Of Interest

There are so many interesting films at Cinefest that it would be impossible to cover them all in this feature. Here are a few films and groupings that may be of interest to moviegoers over the next few days.

The Aboriginal Programming will include films such as the true story of a families struggle to overcome both sickness and hunger in the face of unfavorable odds in **Silent Tears**. Also featured will be *Ali Kazimi's* documentary portrait of Iroquois photographer Jeffrey Thomas. this film, *Shooting Indians: A Journey With Jeffrey Thomas* captures the reality of Canada's First Nations.

The World Cinema programming features **How The War Started On My Island** (Croatia), an offbeat story about a man's struggle to save his son from the Federal Yugoslav National Army's barracks. Also, filmed in German Romantic style, **Mother and Son** (Germany/Russia) shows the devotion of a son tending to the needs of his dying mother, and set in post-war 1950's Iceland, *Devil's Island* is a bittersweet tale of an abandoned American military barracks home to a colorful group of people trying to make ends meet against all odds. Filmed in London and Nova Scotia, *Love And Death On Long Island* is a wonderful movie about generational clash and romantic obsession starring *John Hurt* and *Jason Priestly*, and *Mathew Modine* and *Jonathan Rhys-Myers* play brothers in **The Maker**, a suburban underworld pic also starring *Mary-Louise Parker*.

If you are interested in **Asian Programming**, Cinefest has three films that are sure to be hits with audiences in Sudbury. Winner of the *Special Jury Prize* at the 1997 *Berlin Film Festival*, **The River** takes a look into the lives of a family who's strange lives take an unexpected turn as the son runs into his father in a gay men's sauna. The dilemmas continue in **A Hot Roof** where a police standoff ensues when ten women take matters into their own hand in defense of an abused friend while all of Korea watches, glued to their televisions. And finishing up the Asian programming, **Kids Return** is an ironic look at two maverick teenagers struggling to find their niche in highly competitive Japanese society.

And lets not forget our own Canadian Programming. Featured at this years festival will be **The Hanging Garden**, a story about a man's return home after ten years of leaving his friends and family behind. Nothing has changed except the impending marriage between the two friends from his past. *Tu as crié Let Me Go* is a poetic cry from beyond the grave of a mother trying to understand heroin addiction and the loss of a child, and **Drowning In Dreams** is a documentary about a Thunder Bay entrepreneur's obsession with the wreck of the *Gunilda*, lying at the bottom of Lake Superior. There is also *You Can't Beat A Woman*, a provocative look at international domestic abuse, a revenge flick titled **Men With Guns**, and a surreal tale of romance, passion and greed in **Twilight of the Ice Nymphs**. *Josh Hamilton* takes *Moiré Kelly* hostage in **Drive, She Said**, and **The Pitch** is about two wanna be screenwriters trying to sell their script at the '96 Toronto Film Festival.

There are still many more films to be seen at Cinefest, and programs can be picked up at the information booth in the City Centre Mall. The programs will have information about all the films being screened over the next few days.

Cinefest '96 on Video



If you missed a lot of the movies at last years Cinefest, most can be rented at your local video store. Many are hard to find since they were not very big films, but there is usually one or two copies out there somewhere waiting for you to rent. Here is a run down of *Cinefest Gems* on video:

Hard Core Logo - *Bruce McDonald's* staged documentary about the reunion of a Vancouver rock band and their cross country road trip trying to stay together. The film stars *Hugh Dillon* as Joe Dick, the leader of the group of misfits who is content with his life of rock and roll. This movie is one of the best movies I saw last year. This is a must rent! To me this was better then **The Doors**.

American Buffalo - Starring *Dennis Franz* and *Dustin Hoffman*, this adaptation of the play by the same name is just captivating. There is no better movie for writing, dialogue and acting. The story is about a pawnbroker and his con friend trying to retrieve an American buffalo nickel they sold not knowing its worth. This movie will just blow you away. I was very surprised to see it was not even mentioned at Oscar time!

Curdled - Produced by *Quentin Tarantino*, this *Tales From The Crypt* style movie will gross you out at the same time as you die laughing. The story follows a young woman who is so obsessed with serial killings, the Blue Blood Murders in particular, that she gets a job with a murder site cleaning agency. She gets herself in way to deep as she uncovers clues and wonders if a decapitated head can speak after being separated from the body. This is pure Tarantino, and purely sick!

The Daytrippers - This offbeat comedy follows a families trip into the city with their daughter after she finds a love note written to her husband by another woman. The movie follows the whole day in which the whole family unit breaks down in different manners and times, finally coming together in a touching and funny ending that will have you talking about this film for a long time.

Mother - One of last years Galas, this comedy about a man (*Albert Brooks*) moving back into his mother's house is a hilarious look at how sons see their mothers after a certain age. This movie will have you rolling on the floor with laughter.

These were a few of the highlights of last years festival. Other films from Cinefest '96 on video are *Caught*, *Tree's Lounge* (*Steve Bushimi*), *A Long Day's Journey Into Night*, *Infinity* (*Matthew Broderick*), *The Whole Wide World* (*Rene Zelweger*), and *Unhook The Stars* (*Marisa Tomei*). Check them out, there is bound to be something for everyone!



Midnight Madness!

This is the coolest part of the festival, the midnight movies! On Friday and Saturday night Cinefest plays two obscure movies that don't fit in as well with the regular programming as they would with movies like last year's **Curdled** and the king of midnight screenings **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (which was not shown last April). The midnight movies are packed with twisted action, gore, and just what every young viewer wants to see. These movies are never period pieces, they are just cool!

Friday's movie is **The Ugly**. The movie is about an intelligent psychiatrist, Karen, who is to interview Simon, a serial killer, unfit to stand trial, who has been locked away for five years. Karen wants to prove Simon is cured, but is taken on a journey throughout the mind of this killer who claims to have been possessed by a terrible force that drives him to destroy those around him. Simon claims the force has gone, but after listening to him, Karen first trusts, then become skeptical of Simon. Later, the interview unleashes the ferocious demons of Simon's strange internal existence which threatens Karen's previously stable sense of reality. I guess the easiest way to explain this movie is Silence of the Lambs with a severe mind f@#\$.

Saturday's midnight movie has an extensive plot and sounds like an amazing action thriller. **Heaven's Burning** follows differing stories which all intersect into one final bloody shoot-out. The story starts with a Japanese honeymooning couple in Sydney, when the wife, Midori, disappears, apparently the victim of a kidnapping. It is soon discovered that the wife actually faked her disappearance to meet with a long lost lover. Meanwhile, a gang holds up a bank and in a disastrous escape, they grab a hostage, Midori, who has been abandoned by her lover. The gang decides to execute Midori, but Colin (*Russell Crowe*), the getaway driver, takes her away. The two become attached to each other as they are being pursued by gang members, the police, and Midori's now insane husband who kills at will. The final showdown ensues in a small country town Ball and according to the press release, things go from worse to just right f@#\$ed up. Sound cool, eh?

Even if you are not into the Cinefest scene, you have to see the midnight movies. They are always worth more than you paid, and are never quite what you expect from an international film festival!



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McDonald's Disney Collection

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Okay, maybe I'm a little nuts reviewing these albums, but I just have to. This is the music that is becoming classic and our children will ask us to play over and over again on car rides. So why not enjoy it now while you have the chance!

There is no way you can say you don't know the words to songs like *Hakuna Matata*, *Be Our Guest*, or the classic *Winnie the Pooh*. Well instead of buying all the separate albums you can get these songs on *McDonald's Disney Collection #1* entitled *Buddy Songs*. There is also *The Jungle Book's* *I Wan'na Be Like You*, *Toy Story's* *You've Got A Friend In Me*, and *Candle On The Water* from *Pete's Dragon*.

If it's Hero songs you want to here, then pick up album #3 and hear *I Just Can't Wait To Be King*, *A Whole New World*, *Under The Sea*, and *Go the Distance*. There are also tracks from movies like *Pocahontas*, *The Aristocats* and more from *The Little Mermaid* and *Aladdin*. But if its villainous songs you enjoy then album #2 is for you. With songs from *101 Dalmatians*, *The Little Mermaid* and more you will be singing these songs over and over in your mind probably until you finally go insane. Disney songs are everywhere and no matter what, there is always a song that you will love. No one can hate all Disney songs, and these albums leave out the bad songs and group together some of the best hits all one album.

Come on, get to McDonalds and get these albums. I know you want to but you wonder how the other



Holly McNarland - Stuff

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

My sister went ape-shit when she found out I had received this album from Universal Music. I thought I had never heard of **Holly McNarland**, but I was wrong. Just after I got off the phone with her, I turned on **MuchMusic** and noticed that Holly was in the top twenty with her song *Numb*. I have heard this song many times before on the radio,

but was never really too impressed.

The reaction to the album was about the same as my reaction to the first single. Sure the album isn't bad, but it's a carbon copy. **Jewel**, **Alanis**, and **Sarah McLaughlin** have all released very successful albums with the same style and outlook as **Holly McNarland** has. There is nothing new here. Acoustic tracks like *I Won't Stay*, angry songs like *Elmo* and modern rock songs like *Numb* can all be found on other albums by women with the same amount, or even more talent than Holly. I'm not sure if she was on the *Lilith Fair Tour*, but she would have fit in perfectly. I love listening to talented female singers and there seems to be a short list out there. But I would rather they stay away from this rehashed Alanis crap and come up with a new style, a new attitude, a new sound. It doesn't even have to be new, just your own style. All I hear in this album is a collection of styles that have been done to death. If I want to hear **Jewel**, **Fiona Apple**, or **Sarah McLaughlin** I will listen to their CD's and not a wanna be without a strong base in their own image.

I hoped this album would be as good as my sister said it was, but I have to recommend skipping this album and going for something with a little more substance.



Jenny McCarthy's Surfin' Safari

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

She is everywhere. Her own Must See TV comedy premiering soon, calendars, magazine covers (and centres), MTV, and now she has a CD. Can **Jenny McCarthy** sing? I have no idea. This album has nothing to do with Jenny singing, it just uses her as a selling point to all the horny males out there who want to listen to a bunch of surfing songs while looking at a bunch of pictures of Jenny in an itty-bitsy, teeny-weenie, yellow polka dot bikini.

All that Jenny stuff aside, this is a cool album. If you like surfin' music, this is your album. 14 of some of the greatest surf tracks ever created. *Surf Rider*, *Surfin' Bird*, *Surf City*, and from the grandfathers of surf **The Beach Boys**, *Surfin' Safari* and *Surfin' U.S.A.* Don't worry, all the songs don't start with the word surf. There is **Dick Dale's** *Misirlou*, the theme from *Hawaii 5-0*, the ever popular *Wipeout*, and the king of them all, **Pee Wee Herman's** favorite song (and drink), *Tequila*.

How could this album not appeal to you? Even if you don't like Jenny, just ignore the cover photos and listen to the music most of our parents grew up listening to during the summer. And they think our mu-

sic is strange!



Mrs. Torrance - I'm the Bird

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Think of **The Cranberries** and **The Cardigans** mixed into one group named after a character out of a **Stephen King** novel. That basically sums up the band **Mrs. Torrance**, except for one thing, they are one hell of a powerful band. This is the type of CD that makes you sit up and listen!

The vocals and songwriting of the lead singer **Tamara Williamson** are astounding and are perfectly matched by the powerful playing of her bandmates. The tracks *Porn*, *You're Rich*, *Beautiful and Mine*, and *Wish* are so intense and lyrically spellbinding that you will become a fan from the start. The whole album is captivating and the intensity does not let up. No matter if you are listening to a song like *Porn*, or a much quieter song like *Block Heater*, you just know this band is giving one hundred percent all the time.

Mrs. Torrance will be playing at the *Townhouse* within the next week or so and I strongly recommend going and checking this band out. If you like **The Cranberries** then you will love this band. They have all the talent and a lot extra to spare. I don't know what else to say except this is a band that definitely deserves the best in their careers as long as they keep putting out albums as good as *I'm The Bird*.



Sister Someone

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

I received this CD at the end last April with the band's publicist basically drooling through the phone over how great and talented this band is. I was interested since publicists don't usually get that excited over a band, and the band hails from **London, ON** just near where I come from. I was told I would be able to see the band any time over the summer and that they would be getting a major record deal any day now. Well, It's been four months and I have not heard anything more about **Sister Someone**.

The album is not that bad for a pop rock, almost 80's style sound. The album is mostly up tempo songs with a few softer, almost sensual songs thrown in. It is in these songs like *All I Ever Wanted* and *Hear You Calling Me* that their talent is showcased. The only true way to describe this band is a good bar band. They would be nice to hear on a night out drinking with your friends when you want to hear some live music. I just don't think they have what it takes to be a big headliner with platinum selling CD's.

Now, I was told I would be able to see them play throughout the summer, but they were impossible to find for being such an in demand group. The one night when I did find out where they would be, they canceled and I was stuck in London with nothing to do but bar hop and drink. So the night wasn't a total loss! All I can say is if you are in the London area and you hear that **Sister Someone** is playing a local bar, they are worth checking out, but don't expect to see the CD rushing up the charts any time soon.



Sweet 75

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Hmmm, for some reason the guitarist in this band seems awful

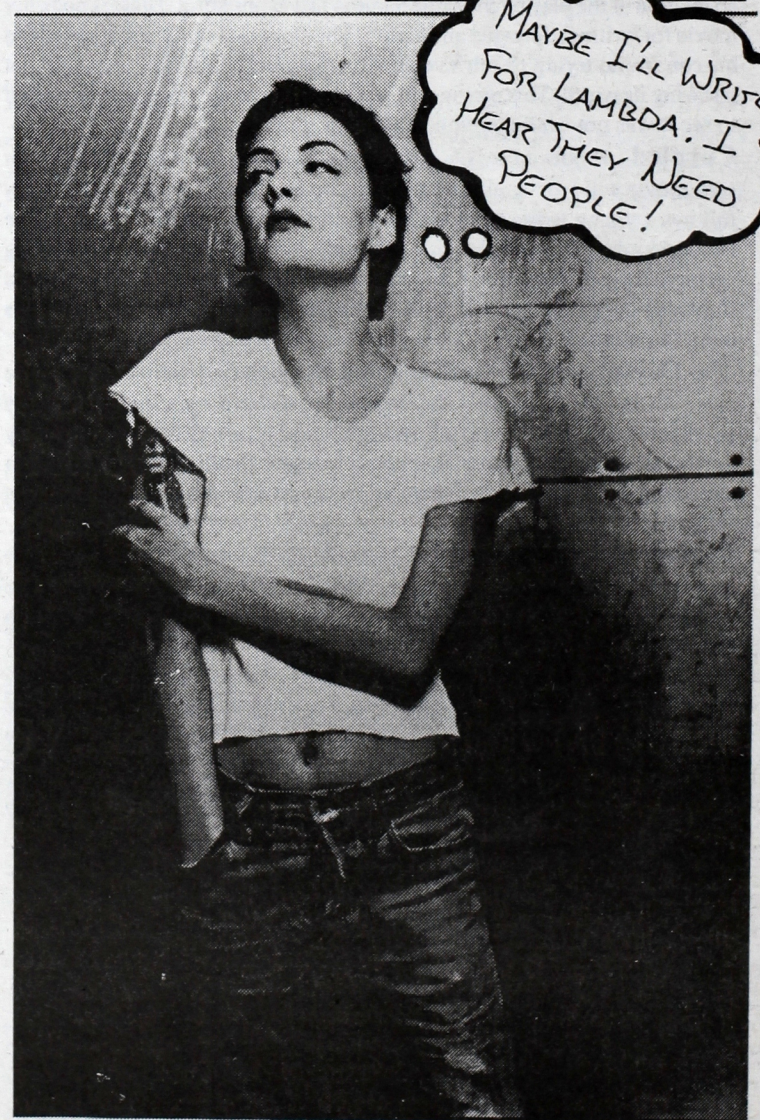
familiar. Oh yeah, didn't **Krist Novoselic** play for one of those bands in the early 90's that started to whole main stream grunge thing. I think he was part of a little known band named **Nirvana**. Well now that **Dave Grohl** has become a **Foo Fighter** and **Kurt** has, well, gone to that little mosh pit in the sky, Krist needed something to do, and here it is.

Sweet 75 is your typical alternative album. Nothing new here really. The band is fronted by lead singer **Yva Las Vegas** (I wonder if that's her real name?) and sports about as much originality as a paint-by-numbers book. Sure things look cool, but any way you paint it, it's still the same old thing. I think Krist would have been better off with the **Foo Fighters** rather than sticking with this group. According to the band bio. Krist seems to be the bands main selling point, but I don't think that the guitar stylings of even **Eddie Van Halen** could save this group.

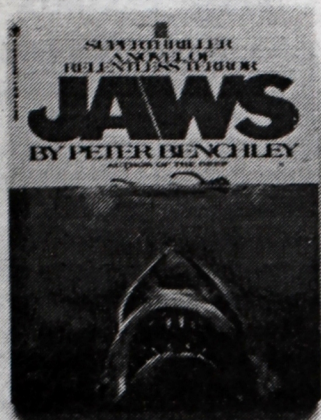
The only thing I can really say good about this album is that I am glad that Krist has another band to play with since I'm sure he wasn't expecting **Nirvana's** reign to end with such a *bang*. **Sweet 75**, they are out there and give them a chance if you want, but trust me, there are much better bands that are much more worthy of your time.

Correction...

Last week it was reported that Wexler's Curtain opened for Rusty and Glueleg when in fact it was The Smokers. I apologize for any confusion this has caused and apologize again to the SGA, Christina Hayden, and The Smokers. The Smokers did a great job and due to some misinformation I received, I did not know they had in fact replaced the original band.



Off The Shelves



By Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

This summer while I was trying to find something interesting to read, I got the idea to check out the other works of Peter Benchley after watching *Jaws* for the thousandth time. These books are not the easiest things to find. Most can be found in a local used bookstore and are worth picking up.

Other than *Jaws*, Peter Benchley has released a small number of books with the same style theme to them, but adds twists and turns that makes them just as interesting as the last. The newest book released is *White Shark*, which was the first of the three novels I read. *White Shark* is an updated version of *Jaws* with a technological/biological twist. The story is about a marine biologist who is tracking a Great White off the shores of Connecticut, but comes across a barrage of animal and eventually human killings that are completely un-natural. The creature is a biological creation from World War II Germany and can adapt to any situation and has a need to feed that is virtually unstoppable. As the hunt for whatever is killing every living thing in the water ensues, the story twists and turns and scares the shit right out of the reader. This is a great thriller that will make you think twice about ever swimming again. Of course the terror in this novel does not stay just in the water for very long.

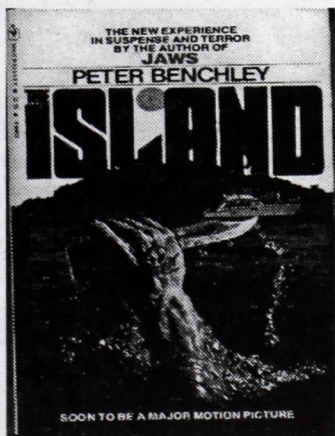
Another great novel by Benchley is *The Beast*. Once again the story revolves around a sea creature that attacks and feeds at a gruesome rate, but this one revolves around a squid that can literally tear a boat apart and frighten anyone who reads the book. The formula does follow almost exactly the same as *Jaws*, but it is still frightening none the less.

Of course, no book could ever

instill as much fear in the beach as the original *Jaws* did. Following the hunt for a Great White feeding off the shores of Amity, NY, the local Sheriff comes across more than he bargained for. The mayor does not believe there is a killer shark, his children play in the water all day, the town does not want the beaches closed, and every fisherman in the state is trying to hunt down the shark for a reward. Chief Brody enlists the help of a marine Biologist and a rusty old sea dog who hunts sharks for a living and for the sport. Even if you have seen this movie a hundred times, the book will still scare you even more. For some reason, the written word seems just that much more terrifying.

Jaws is a literary classic that is often disregarded due to the strength of the movie. People would rather watch a movie than sit down and lose themselves in a book. That is a shame because no matter how good a movie is (*Jaws* is one of my all time favorites), the book is always that much better. I was reading this book while floating in a pool and when someone swam under me I just screamed. Most novels don't have that type of impact on a reader, but Peter Benchley seems to have the talent to make people sit up and pay attention (and never want to swim again).

Unfortunately Peter Benchley has become more overlooked as time goes by, but I strongly recommend checking out a few of his novels. I was ready to start *The Island*, but I am in a few English courses and I don't think I will have time to read my own novels until I graduate! At any rate, check out *Jaws*, *White Shark*, *The Beast*, and *The Island* if you dare, and if you make it past those there are others including *The Deep*, *Rummies*, and *Time and A Ticket*. Just remember....*Don't go into the water!*



Kraft Dinner Recipe of the Week Peanut Butter Spirals

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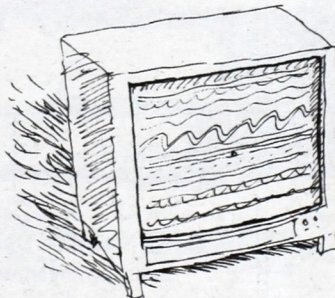
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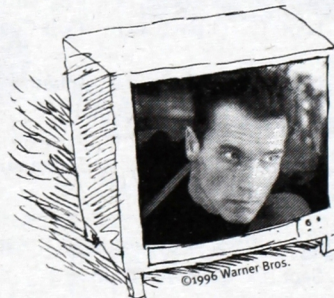
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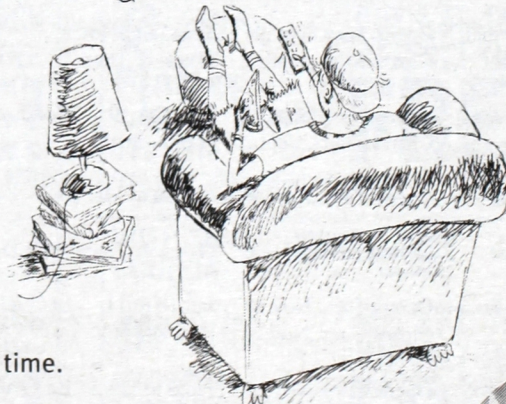
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On Saturday, the Vees rebounded with a hard fought 2-2 tie with the University of Toronto Varsity Blues.

In front of the over half-filled bleachers at Laurentian's soccer field, U of T took a 1-0 lead early in the first half. Laurentian pressed hard for the full forty-five minutes, yet in spite of their efforts they still trailed 1-0 at the half.

Laurentian finally broke through near the ten minute mark of the second half, when striker Rob Fijal got the crowd back into it by half-volleying the ball in from the 18 yard box. Continuing to press, Laurentian caught a break when the ball hit a U of T defender's hand. Gary Tennant scored on the ensuing penalty kick to give the Vees a 2-1 lead.

Unfortunately for Laurentian, a late penalty kick for the Blues knotted the game at two, and neither team could break through again. The tie brought the Soccer Vees record to 0-1-1, with a big match up with Ryerson looming on Sunday.

Tentative Schedule for Intramurals 1997-1998 School Year

Sport	Registration	Event Dates	Location
Men's Slo Pitch (Limit: 16 teams)	Opens:Thurs., Sept.4 Closes:Mon, Sept.,8	Sept.20 & 21 Rain Days:Oct. 4 & 5	Terry Fox Complex
Women's Slo Pitch (Limit: 16 teams)	Opens:Thurs, Sept., 4 Closes Mon., Sept., 8	Sept., 27 & 28 Rain Days: Oct, 4 & 5	Terry Fox Complex
Golf (Limited)	Opens:Fri.,Sept.,5 Closes:Wed, Sept.,10	Fri, Sept.,19 (1 pm Start)	Pine Grove Golf Course
Men's Flag Football (Limited)	Opens:Sept.,8 Closes:Sept.,11	Sept, 16-Oct. 16 (Tues. & Thurs.)	Intramural Field
Women's Flag Football (Limited)	Opens:Sept.,8 Closes:Sept.,11 (Mon. & Wed.)	Sept. 17 to Oct 15	Intramural Field
Men's Basketball (Limit: 16 teams)	Opens:Tues,Sept.,9 Closes:Mon. Sept.,15	Sept,25 to Nov.27 (Tues. & Thurs.)	Ben Avery
Women's Basketball (Limit: 16 teams)	Opens:Tues,Sept.,9 Closes:Mon.,Sept.15	Sept,25 to Nov.27 (Tues. & Thurs.)	Ben Avery
Co-ed Bowling (Limited)	Opens:Tues.,Sept.23 Closes:Thurs.,Sept.25	Sun.,Oct.19 (1 p.m. Start)	Holiday Lanes
Mixed Volleyball Gym (Limit: 24 teams)	Opens:Tues.,Nov.4 Closes:Thurs.,Nov.6	Feb.10 to Mar 19 (Tues. & Thurs.)	Ben Avery PHED Centre
Co-ed Ultimate Frizbee (Limited)	Opens:Tues.,Nov.18 Closes:Tues.,Nov.25	Jan.10 & 11 (Sat. & Sun)	LU Fields
Co-ed Soccer (Limit: 16 teams)	Opens:Tues.,Nov.25 Closes:Thurs.,Nov.27	Jan.6 to Feb.5 (Mon. to Thurs.)	Ben Avery Gym
Women's Hockey (Limit: 10 teams)	Opens:Mon.,Nov.24 Closes:Wed.,Nov.26	Jan.7 to Mar 1 (Sun., Mon. Wed.)	Countryside Arena
Belly Flop Comp. Spectators Welcome	Opens:Mon.,Jan.12 Closes:Fri.,Jan.16	Sun, Feb. 8 (1:30 pm Start)	Olympic Gold Pool PHED Centre
Cross-Country Skiing (Unlimited)	Opens:Wed.,Jan.7 Closes:Wed.,Jan.14	Fri.,Feb.6 (2 pm Start)	LU Ski Trails
Innertube Water Polo (Limit: 8 teams)	Opens:Tues.,Jan.6 Closes:Tues.,Jan.13	Feb. TBA (Sun-pm)	Olympic Gold Pool PHED Centre
Co-ed Badminton (Limited)	Opens:Mon.,Feb.2 Closes:Thurs.,Feb.5	Sun.,March 1	Ben Avery Gym PHED Centre
3 on 3 Basketball (Limit: 12 teams each Men's & Women's)	Opens:Tues.,Feb.3 Closes:Tues.,Feb.10	Sun.,March 15	Ben Avery Gym PHED Centre

More Soccer Voyageurs Tie With Blues...

by Christa Haines
Contributor

On a wonderful sunny day in September the Voyageurs took to the field against the University of Toronto Blues and tied the game 2-2. The start of the game was tough on the Voyageurs with the half time score at 1-0 for Toronto.

Early in the second half rookie # 8 Robert Fijal from Poland scored tying the game. Later on a penalty kick, #17 Gary Tennant brought the Voyageurs ahead by one. The score would shortly be tied by Toronto in a penalty kick. Athletes of the game from Toronto #20 Eric Puig and for the Voyageurs, team captain #6 Marc Hamilton.

...and Capture the Rams

It was a beautiful day for a win. The Voyageurs came on strong late in the first half and managed to easily take the victory from the Ryerson Rams with a score of 6-2.

Scoring for the Ryerson Rams was #11 Jason Egresits with two points. Scoring for the Voyageurs were #3 Steve Wilson, #11 Ricky James, #10 Adrian Bubalo, #8 Robert Fijal and with two points #17 Gary Tennant.

Players of the game, for Ryerson was #6 Robert App and for the Voyageurs was #11 Ricky James.

Cross Country Teams Both Place Second

This weekend the men's and women's cross country running teams headed to Sault-Ste. Marie Michigan to compete in the Lake Superior State University Cross Country Invitational.

The Women's team finished second out of four teams with 47 points. Top ten results came from Jen Dewan in second place, Lynne Perron in third place and Erin Kennedy in ninth place.

The men's team also finished second out of four teams with 36 points. Top finishers for the Voyageurs were Irah Gerono in fourth place, Brian English in sixth place, Rob Vanden Hengel in seventh place, Karl Giesbrecht in ninth place and Pat Hillman in tenth place.

Athletes of the week

Jen Dewan- XCountry

Jen Dewan is a fourth year Health Promotion student in the school of Human Kinetics at Laurentian University. A native from Bracebridge Ontario, Dewan has been an active member of the team for the past four years. Dewan has been named the cross country and track and field most valuable player for Laurentian University as well as rookie of the year for these two sports.

This weekend the team traveled to Sault Ste. Marie Michigan to take part in the Lake Superior State University invitational. Dewan lead her team to a second place finish overall by placing second in her race.

Marc Hamilton-Soccer

Marc Hamilton is a fourth year sport and Physical Education student enrolled in the school of Human Kinetics. A native from Scarborough, Ontario, Hamilton has been an asset to the Voyageur soccer program. As team captain, Hamilton provides good work ethic and team leadership for his fellow players. In the past Hamilton has been nominated as CIAU Athlete of the Week, CIAU All Star Teams, OUAA Athlete of the Week, OUAA All Star Teams, Laurentian University Athlete of the Week, and Laurentian University Soccer MVP.

This past weekend Hamilton showed why he was nominated team captain. He had outstanding performances on the field and was a great leader to veteran and rookie players.

Vees end weekend with a win and a tie

by Christina Haines
Contributor

On Saturday, University of Toronto was in town, and on Sunday, the Vees played Ryerson. Saturday's game was a great team effort. In the first half, only Toronto scored a goal, taking a 1-0 lead, but even that goal was not easy. Chris Rose blocked the ball out twice before Toronto rebounded it in.

The ball never stayed in either end for any length of time. Patrick Dickenson was all over, keeping the ball out of the Vees end as much as possible. There were numerous shots on net made by Sean Robinson, Adrian Bubalo and others, but the Vees had to wait until 41:30 in the second half for Rob Fijal to score their first goal. The game was tied 1-1.

Eight minutes later, Gary Tennant took a penalty shot. He kicked the ball into the lower right corner of the net. The Vees were ahead 2-1. Then U of T was awarded a penalty shot. Chris Rose tried, but the ball went past him. The game was tied again 2-2.

The Vees did not give up. They continued their numerous shots on net, but the Toronto goal keeper would not allow anymore in. The final score was 2-2.

Sunday afternoon the Vees had to play again. This game lacked the excitement of the previous day's game, but there were two reasons for this. The Vees gave a lot against Toronto and were drained on Sunday, and Ryerson is not a good team.

The Vees didn't score their first goal until 21:15 of the first half, but once they scored one, they were on a roll. Steve Wilson headed the ball, thrown in by Sean Robinson, into the net. Vees 1, Ryerson 0.

With 17:00 remaining, Gary Tennant scored goal number 2. The ball remained in the Ryerson end for most of the first half. At 6:15, Ricky James scored a third goal for Laurentian. The Vees were dominating the game and had the score to prove it, 3-0.

The second half began and the Vees had the ball in the Ryerson end again. At 38:00, Adrian Bubalo took a penalty shot and Rob Fijal took another at 33:45. The Vees were ahead 5-0. There was no stopping them. Even a Ryerson player admitted to the fans that his team's goal keeper was no good.

Ryerson did finally score a goal at 29:24. By this point, Coach Zorbas figured the Vees had a good enough lead that he allowed his rookies a chance to gain some experience. All the players on the bench had a chance on the field.

Gary Tennant received a yellow card for unintentionally injuring the Ryerson goal keeper. Ryerson put a defense man into net. He played well, but Gary was back to score another goal with 14:00 minutes remaining. The Vees pulled ahead 6-1.

Then, with less than two minutes left in the game, Ryerson scored a second time. But there was no catching the Vees. They won 6-2.

Next weekend, the team plays in Kingston on Saturday and at U of T on Sunday.

Best of Luck to the team for these two tough games.

Laurentian University offers a new program in Dispute Resolution

Beginning in September 1997, Laurentian University, in collaboration with York University, is offering a Certificate in Dispute Resolution. Under the auspices of the Personal and Professional Development program of Laurentian's Centre for Continuing Education, this new certificate program is designed to provide educational and practical skills training for practitioners in the emerging profession of dispute resolution.

Recent reforms to Ontario's civil litigation process will require most lawsuits to attempt mediation. Great interest has been shown recently in the preventive aspects of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Businesses, civic organizations, public bodies, schools, churches, and many others have begun to realize the value of designing their own processes for managing the conflicts that inevitably arise through their activities.

This certificate program will provide students with knowledge about all processes of dispute resolution, and will gain knowledge of the legal system that all dispute resolution practitioners need. Students accepted into the Dispute Resolution Certificate Program should have a Bachelor's degree, but do not require any specific professional background. The program meets the requirements for admission to the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Ontario.

The program includes two required courses in the background, theory, ethics, and practical skills of conflict resolution, and a series of special interest courses including family mediation and conflict resolution, community conflict resolution, organizational conflict, and arbitration.

Laurentian University will offer an optional practicum program following the course that will offer students the opportunity to obtain practical experience and mentoring in dispute resolution.

For further information about Laurentian University's Certificate in Dispute Resolution, please contact Prof. Robert Kominar, Program Coordinator, Laurentian University's Department of Law and Justice, at (705) 675-1151, ext. 4219; or Ms. Cindy Ives-Bigeau, Senior Manager, Marketing and Development, Laurentian University's Centre for Continuing Education, at (705) 675-1151, ext. 3933.

A Quiet Space?

by Jane Djivré

Most of Laurentian's student and staff population is probably unaware of a sunny room tucked away in the Parker building. It's called the Campus Ministry Drop-In Centre. Ask a dozen people what it's for and you'll probably get the same answer: "The Campus Drop What? Never heard of it." The Drop-In Centre is located in L228, in the old Ombudsperson Office, right beside the Student Housing Office, and down the hall from Student awards with a "Welcome/Bienvenue" sign attached to the door.

The purpose of the space is almost as varied as the people it represents. It is meant to be a quiet space for anyone, student or staff, a place to eat your lunch, a place to study when the library gets too loud, a place to hold a meeting for class projects. It's a place to confidentially talk to a chaplain or student, about anything, with a schedule of volunteers outside the door in case you would like to speak to someone in particular. It's a place to relax and grab a free cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and some Oreos, a place to learn, to ask questions, to seek answers. A place to grieve, be alone or pray. A place to find help, support, phone numbers,

and contacts, according to your situation or needs. Get the point? It's what you want it to be.

The Campus Ministry is supported by numerous staff who serve on the board as representatives of several religions, including the Moslem, Jewish, Bahai, People of Good Will, Native and Christian faiths. Many people have misconceptions about the purpose of the room. It's not a hangout for a bunch of religious freaks trying to rope in converts by giving a free cup of coffee and a listening ear. Don't let misconceptions prevent you from enjoying a space reserved for your needs. This space is open to everyone. Feel free to drop in and check it out or call ext. 1080. At any time when life is a blustering whirlwind of things to do, it's nice to have a quiet space. The Campus Ministry's Drop-In Centre: there when you need it.

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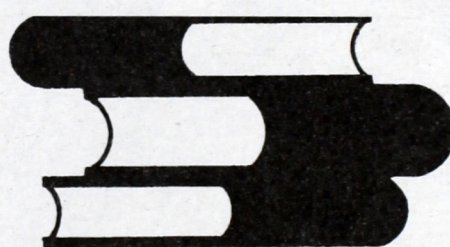
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